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SUBJ: PRC AND ANGOLAN APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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1. AT RECENT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY TWO MEMBERS OF PRC PERMDEL TO UNESCO, BOTH STRESSED TO U.S. DELOFFS THAT PRC AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT AFTER JUNE 23 SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE-IN WHICH PRC DID NOT PARTICIPATE (REFTEL) -ON ANGOLAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WAS A "VERY IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENT" THAT MERITED CLOSE READING BY THE UNITED STATES.

2. PRC DELOFF (LI CHAO TUNG) SAID PRC POLICY HAS BEEN ONE OF CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BUT THAT PRC EQUALLY INSISTENT THAT SUCH MOVEMENTS FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF "SELF-RELIANCE". THE MPLA, BY CALLING IN SOVIET-SUPPORTED CUBAN TROOPS,
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HAD FAILED TO RESPECT THIS CRITERION. THE PRC

ACCORDINGLY WOULD NOT TREAT WITH AND WILL CONTINUE TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION OF THE PRESENT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. (IN THIS AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE TOUCHED UPON FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, LI TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY IN PASSING TO URGE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ALERT TO AND ON GUARD AGAINST THE "DANGERS OF SOVIET MILITARY EXPANSIONISM".

3. LI RESPONDED VERY AFFIRMATIVELY TO DELOFF'S REMARK RE PRESS INDICATIONS OF A SIGNIFICANT CONTINUING ANTI-MPLA GUERRILLA EFFORT IN THE ANGOLAN HINTERLAND. LI IMPLIED THAT PRC CONTINUES TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON, AND IS WELL-INFORMED ABOUT, THE LATEST ANGOLAN POLITICAL-MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, HE REMARKED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO POSSIBILITY OF ATTAINING THE STAGE OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE WARRING FACTIONS IN ANGOLA.

4. COMMENT: FOREGOING REPORTED FOR ITS POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES, ALTHOUGH PRC DELOFFS REMARKS LIKELY ADHERE EXACTLY TO WHAT THEIR COLLEAGUES ELSEWHERE ARE SAYING IN CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

USUN: PERMDEL WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE PRC AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 23 STATEMENT RE ANGOLA IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE ATTRIBUTED TO IT BY CHINESE HERE.

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